

STATE DEVELOPMENT, JOBS AND TRADE — PREMIER COAL —
COLLIE COAL (WESTERN COLLIERIES) AGREEMENT ACT — REPORTS

1013. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade; Tourism; Commerce; Science:

I refer to the annual and triennial reports required to be produced by Premier Coal under Clause 11(2) of the *Collie Coal (Western Collieries) Agreement Act 1979*, and, I ask:

- (a) (a) will the Minister please table the most recent triennial report;
- (b) (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) (c) could the Minister please advise which section of the Department reviews these reports and the environmental and mining rehabilitation expertise present in the section; and
- (d) (d) could the Minister please advise any dates on which further information has been requested from the company as provided for in Clause 11(3)?

Hon Alannah MacTiernan replied:

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation advises:

- (a) No.
- (b) The Triennial Report is submitted by Premier Coal to the Minister to satisfy Premier Coal's obligations under Clause 11(2) of the *Collie Coal (Western Collieries) Agreement Act 1979*. It is submitted with an expectation that the information will be treated as commercially sensitive by the State, as it contains valuable commercial information. Disclosure of this would reveal information about the commercial affairs of the company and could adversely affect those affairs and prejudice the future supply of information to the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) by Premier Coal. Accordingly it is not appropriate to table the report. I will notify the Auditor General's office and both houses of Parliament that this part of the question will not be answered as per Section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.
- (c) JTSI is responsible for the administration of State Agreements. JTSI refers these reports to the Collie Coal Mines and Environment Committee which includes subject matter experts from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to review and provide feedback to JTSI. The consolidated feedback is provided to Premier Coal for consideration and incorporation into its next report.
- (d) No further requests for information has been requested by the Minister in accordance with Clause 11(3).